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in Denmark. A number of invitations were apparently declined because of the GVN decision not to pay expenses of those invited. As a result the GVN paid part of the expenses for some of the more important groups.

2. Response:

Thirteen countries sent what may be considered official delegations although many were not governmental. The Japanese sent an eight-man Liberal Democratic Party delegation under the auspices of the Asian Parliamentary Union. Two Japanese Diet members of the Democratic Socialist Party came as a separate group representing their party. Four nations designated their ambassadors and embassy officers in Saigon to be official observers. One ICFTU observer also was present.

The largest official delegation was the American group, with twenty-two observers. Although not an official observer, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accompanied the group as adviser, and there was in addition an accompanying staff of nine. Although the status of the accompanying staff was explained to the Foreign Ministry, the GVN counted them as part of the American official observer delegation.

In addition to the official delegations, journalists from seventeen countries accepted the GVN invitations, making a total of twenty-four different countries represented by either officially invited journalists or delegates. In addition, approximately 100 working journalists as well as unofficial observers (2 US congressmen, professors, tourists, etc.) were present.

The final number of officially invited observers, according to the GVN, was:

90	Official observers (including 11 US accompanying staff and 1 Australian Embassy member)
26	Officially invited journalists
116	Total invited foreign observers

If to these are added the estimated 100 journalists and other foreigners who came especially for the elections, and the approximate 375 regular foreign press corps, there were nearly 600 foreign observers present.

3. Reaction of Observers:

The GVN arranged official itineraries on election day to Can Tho and Hue as well as in Saigon. In each of these localities the observers

were free to visit the numerous polling places scattered in and about the towns. According to the GVN, both Hue and Can Tho were selected because they are traditional centers of hostility toward the Saigon government and would offer the observers opportunity to talk with opposition adherents such as Buddhists and students.

In Saigon the observers met with Thieu and Ky at an official call and also at an evening reception.

In addition to the official GVN itinerary, some members of the US group visited Ban Me Thuot, Tuy Hoa, Tay Ninh, and Long Xuyen. This afforded the US delegation coverage in all four regions as well as in Saigon.

Although the Embassy was able to talk with only a small number of the observers, the impression we and the Foreign Ministry have is that the observers came away with an overall favorable reaction. None of the visitors has so far claimed publicly to have seen significant cases of fraud or coercion. In particular the experience was educational in that even some groups suspicious of the elections (some Japanese, several journalists) or cynical about their value (the French journalists), appeared to gain better comprehension of the complexities involved. Many expressed greater sympathy with the South Vietnamese people.

The GVN Foreign Ministry believes that having the observers will not only have an immediate beneficial impact on foreign assessment of the elections, but also that first-hand observation of the Vietnam situation by such a large number of influential visitors will in the long run be helpful in providing better understanding of the war as a whole.

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Enclosure:

Names of foreign observers (Unclassified)

OFFICIAL OBSERVERS OF VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS September 3, 1967

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Country	Name	Title
Belgium	William Ugeux	Director of Information
Japan (Under sponsorship of Asian Parliamentary Union, Japanese group)	Hasegawa Jin	Upper House Member, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)
"	Hasegawa Takashi	Diet Member LDP
"	Kano Hikokichi	Diet Member LDP
"	Abe Shintaro	Diet Member LDP
"	Hashiguchi Takashi	Diet Member LDP
"	Abe Kigen	Diet Member LDP
"	Katsuichi Tamamoto	Former Diet Member
"	Baba Yoshimitsu	Secretary General of the APU
" (Under sponsorship of the Democratic Socialist Party)	Kanda Daisaku	Diet Member, DSP
"	Ozawa Sadataka	Diet Member, DSP
Philippines	L. Moreno-Salcedo	Ambassador at Saigon
"	Salvadore Lopez	Ambassador at the UN
"	Jose Diokno	Congressman
"	Ali Dimaporo	
	Roberto Diokno	
"	Jose B. Aligno	
"	Luis G. Magbanna	
"	Jesus Cabarrus Jr.	

Country	Name	Title
United Kingdom	Alan Lee Williams	Member of Parliament Labor Party
Australia	Sir Allen Brown	Ambassador to Japan
"	Steward Jamieson	Former Ambassador to Moscow
"	D. G. Nutter	High Commissioner to India
"	M. J. Cook	Counselor of Embassy at Djakarta
Spain	Maximo Cajal	Secretary of Embassy At Bangkok
Laos	O. Souvannavong	Ambassador at Saigon
"	Piem Choulanntry	
"	Thongsisavath Southivang Norath	
"	Suphap Samchay	
"	Kham Sengovarg Machau	
"	Phone Chantarat	
"	Sophon Bouphasiri	
Korea	Sa Kwang-uk	Chairman, Central Election Management Committee
"	Yi Hwan-ui	Planning Coordinator, Ministry of Home Affairs
"	Kung Ho Lee	
"	Kim Tae-Kyong	Official, Ministry of Home Affairs

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Country	Name	Title
Korea	Song Ho Kim	
"	Yung Suck Hann	
New Zealand	Sir Stephen We..	Ambassador at Saigon
"	Arthur E.Q. Pope	Charge in Saigon
"	Mr. Mc Lean	
"	Mr. J.C. Clarke	2nd Secretary, Saigon
"	W.A. Cochraine	
Malaysia	Tan Tong Hong	Member of Parliament
"	J.D. de Silva	Charge in Saigon
"	Ismail Idris	
Thailand	Chalaw Vanaputi	
"	Pradit Tesprarit	
"	Naronk Khemayodhin	
United States	Senator Bourke Hickenlooper of Iowa	Senate Foreign Relations Committee
"	Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine	Chairman, Senate Democratic Campaign Committee
"	Senator George Murphy of California	Chairman, Senate Republican Campaign Committee
"	Governor Richard Hughes of New Jersey	
"	Governor Thomas Mc Call of Oregon	
"	Governor William Guy of North Dakota	Chairman National Governors Conference

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Country	Name	Title
United States	Mayor Joseph Barr	Chairman, US Conference of Mayors
"	Mayor Theodore McKeldin of Baltimore, Md.	
"	Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of Texas	Archbishop of San Antonio
"	Rabbi P. Rudin of New York	President, Synagogue Council of America
"	James Antell of Vermont	President, United States Junior Chamber of Commerce
"	Warren P. Gullander of New York	President, National Association of Manufacturers
"	Eldon James of Virginia	Former National Commander, American Legion
"	John S. Knight of Ohio	President, Knight Newspapers
"	Donald H. McGannon of Connecticut	President, Westinghouse Broadcasting Company
"	Edward Munro of Washington	County Commissioner, King County (Seattle); President, National Association of Counties
"	Eugene Patterson of Georgia	Editor, Atlanta Constitution
"	Joseph Scerra of Massachusetts	National Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Country	Name	Title
United States	Stanford Smith of New York	General Manager, American Newspaper Publishers Association
"	Dave Sullivan of Wash., D.C.	President, Building Services Employees Union; Vice President AFL-CIO
"	Whitney Young of N.Y.	Urban League President
"	Rev. Edward .R.L. Elson of Washington, D.C.	Pastor, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

(In addition the following US Co ressmen attended as observers in a non-official capacity:

"	Lester L. Wolff of New York	House of Representatives
"	Richard D. McCarthy of New York	House of Representatives)
China	Shen Chin-Ting	Former Ambassador to Japan
"	P.T.M. King	Vice Presidential Aide
"	Kao Ying-Tu	Director, Civil Affairs, Ministry of
"	Pan Chun-Mi	Foreign Ministry Official
Italy	Vincenzo Tornetta	Ambassador to Saigon
"	Mario Sica	1st Secretary at Saigon
ICFTU	Mr. Mukherjee	

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2. JOURNALISTS

Country	Name	Title
Tunisia	Ben Amor	l'Action, Tunisia
Thailand	Aree Itthikasem	
Turkey	Mehmet Ali Kislali	
Nigeria	Boubakar Issoufi	
Philippines	Sebastian Ugarte	Editor, Philippines Herald
Ceylon	S.K. Manikkarachichi	Editor, Dinamina, Ceylon
Rep. of China	Ting Wei Tung	
Japan	Masaru Ogawa	Editor, Japan Times, Tokyo
Malaysia	Ma lan bin Nordin	
Rep. of Korea	Kim seong Jin	
India	Gourkisor Gosh	
"	K. Narendra	
"	A. Balu	
New Zealand	William Reeves	Editor, The Dominion, Wellington
Australia	Peter Samuel	
"	Brian S. Hail	
"	Wally Herzfeld	
France	J. Jacques Guillet	

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Country	Name	Title
France	Alain Madelin	
"	Marcel Mermoz	
"	General Paul Vanuxem	
Italy	Georgio Torchia	
Morocco	Mustapha El Alaoui	
Netherlands	Henk Neumann	
"	Paul Van't Veer	
"	G.B.J. Hilterman	
Korea	Kim Seang Jin	Political Editor, Orieng Press, Seoul

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